

it not being likely that the French would take in Hand Axel and Hulst before they had master'd that Place.

April 16. Last Monday night, when a person came from Wincanton, in Somersetshire, great part of the town was in flames, supposed to be set on fire by some evil-designing persons unknown.

Perry, April 20. Yesterday was brought into this harbour, by the Amazon and Speedwell, the Mary Magdalen privateer of St. Maloe's, taken by admiral Anfon's fleet the 9th instant off Scilly, after upwards of four months cruize, in which she had taken 15 vessels, many of them from Oporto, and had her ransomers on board. This is the ship which took the Hornet and Hinchbrook sloops of war, and the King William store-ship. She mounts 26 guns, 22 9 pounders on one deck, and has 304 men on board. Last night about 80 men, part of the crew of the Lark privateer of Bayonne, which was taken the 14th instant off Uihant, were delivered to the commissary here, but the privateer is not yet brought in.

NEW-YORK, June 22.

Yesterday came Advice from Albany, that an Indian came in there on Tuesday last from Saraghtoga, and brought an Account, that he in Company with several others, being out on the Scout, had discovered near 300 Canoes on the Lake of Champlain, full of French and Indians, with Drums beating and Colours flying, going towards Crown Point from Canada, and supposes them to be upwards of 3000 Men.

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated June 21.

"Yesterday three Indians were sent hither from Saraghtoga with letters, giving an account, that lieutenant Chew had the day before been sent out with 102 men; and that he, with 37 of the men, were taken prisoners, and 15 killed.—This day we are informed by two of our Indians, that an army of 4000 men are at the great Carrying-place; that a great number of men are encamped on the other side of the Fish-Kill; and that M. Le Core lies on this side of Saraghtoga, to intercept any succours that may be sent to reinforce the garrison. We are informed that a French Indian came yesterday before the fort, fired his gun, and then threw it down, shewing great signs of discontent; whereupon he was taken into the garrison, and examined; but after he had been some time there, he made an attempt to escape over the stockades, upon which he was secured and put in irons: He says that lieutenant Chew, with all his men, except those that were killed, are sent to Crown-Point; and that the party that carries them thither, are to return with some field pieces to attack the fort.—Those who are about Saraghtoga have cohorts and hand grenades, but they seem not to answer their design: They likewise attempted to set fire to the Blockhouses, with burning park at the end of their arrows. Col. Peter Schuyler is now to go with his regiment to keep that garrison; I hope he may get there safe, tho' many people are apprehensive that he will be cut off by the way, and think a much greater force is necessary. We are in short in the most deplorable situation imaginable, and it is shocking to think in what this affair must terminate."

ANNAPOLIS.

We are informed, that Two Priests of the Roman Communion, came in Passengers in the *Elizabeth*, Capt. Carr, into Patuxent, to reside in this Province.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*, came down this Day from the Upper House of Assembly, to the Lower House, Passed with Amendments, and was there Read with the Amendments, and Passed for Ingrossing.

It is said the Assembly will Rise the latter end of this Week, or beginning of next.

The Piece, Signed C. G. is come to hand, and the Author has our Thanks; if it shall be necessary, it will be publish'd some time hence. The Eastern Shore Factor, came too late to be publish'd this Week, and must unavoidably be deferred till the next.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Cleared,
Brigantine Annapolis, Alexander Scougall, for London;
Sloop-Dolphin, Richard Courtney, for Boston.

The following Letter and Postscript, is said to be the genuine Copy of one sent by an old Negro Man at Herring-Bay, to his Master in London. Pieces of this nature are entertaining to most Readers who can enter into the humour of them; and as there appears in this a great deal of Sincerity and pure natural Simplicity, and many of our Customers have importun'd for it's Publication, we cannot avoid giving it a place, (with the leave of

the Gentleman to whom it was wrote,) and so leave it to the Reader.

From de grato House. Merrylun.

Masser Frankce,
We all berry well only oal Sew Ded. and our oal blak
Hosi Cudge. God bless you masser Frankce.

from jure oal Negur. TOBY.
Poasa. my Wiff member be luff to you masser Frankce.
he say be gott wun bigg bag of Puttato for you, and me
gott Tree oal Stokkin full Cheenut for you too. last Nite
puttem in Chimne for smoke berry well, dat Time you cum.
me dakter Benus say be gott too wiokkin Burd bigg oal wun
cum Oalwun for you. she say you pleese bring him wun
topnot. and masser Frankce bring Fore duffen Pipe for me.
me mak poor cropp Corn dis yeer. dat dam oal Hosi Cudge
fore be dy broke Corn feel fenfe. be pool down oal me Corn.
Wun dam oal Buk gump in Weet Patsh ebery Nite. poor oal
Wooman no mak Pee nuff for by wun Kallico Peticote dis
yeer. and Mole rute upp oal dakter Benus Puttato. masser
Richard oal Quash member be luff to you. he say be gott too
clebter jung Flyen Quurrel an wun oal Passum and fix jung
wun for you. God bless you masser Frankce. Wun Saylor
Man tell me you bin bass Small Pox. I berry glad you
well. take care you no ketch tober masser Frankce.
from your oal Man. TOBY chew.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

RAN away about the last of April, 1747. from the Subscriber living in *Queen Anne's County*, a Negro Man named *Ambo*, aged about 30 Years, Country born, of a middle Stature, and well set; he had on a light-colour'd Cloth Jacket and Breeches, Kersey wove, filled in with Linnen Thread. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him home to his Master, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges.

THOMAS HAMMOND.

Strayed on the 24th of April last, from a Plantation near *Mount Calvert*, in *Prince George's County*, a Black Mare, with a Bit cut off one Ear, a switch Tail, and had with her a Black bay Mare Colt about a Month old. Whoever brings the said Mare to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

JOHN ORME.

June 24, 1747.

Whereas there is a Vacancy for a Master in *Queen Anne's County School*: Any Person properly qualified, upon applying to the Visitors, will meet with such Encouragement as the Law relating to Free Schools will support them in.

Signed by Order,

NATHAN WRIGHT, Register.

HENRY WRIGHT, Whip Maker, lately living in *Annapolis*, is removed to *Chesnut-Street*, three Doors above *Fourth-Street*, *Philadelphia*; where all Gentlemen travelling for the Convenience of those who do not, they may be supplied by Mrs. *Elizabeth Kelly*, at the Crown and Scepter in *Annapolis*, where I have sent a Parcel; and shall continue so to do, as they are disposed of, at the usual Prices. He likewise takes this Opportunity of returning his grateful Thanks to those Gentlemen who honour'd him with their Favours, while in *Annapolis*; hoping for the Continuance of their Favours, and assuring them that their Commands shall always be observed to their Satisfaction, by

Their very humble Servant,

HENRY WRIGHT.

Such Gentlemen as have any Whips which want repairing, are desired to leave them to Mrs. *Kelly*, as above, for the Post, who will alter or change for that Purpose; and they may depend on having them sent by the next Return, done in the best Manner, and at the most reasonable Rate.

A Very good SPINNEY to be disposed of Enquire of the Printer.

ON Wednesday the 8th of July, in *Annapolis*, a very good schooner, and two choice Negroes.

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